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Water Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Branch (WC-15J)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590
Attention: Donald R. Schwer III
Enforcement Officer/Agricultural Engineer

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RE: Town of Griffith, Indiana – Order for Compliance
Docket No. V-W-12-AO-08
Annual Report # 1

WATER ENFORCEMENT & COMPLIANCE
ASSURANCE BRANCH, EPA, REGION 5

Dear Mr. Schwer,

As required by paragraph 25 of the Order for Compliance referenced above, the Town of Griffith has prepared this Annual Report for 2013. The Annual Report requires the reporting of information as to the progress on the projects described in the Alternatives Analysis implementation schedule and an inventory of all SSO events in 2013.

1. Implementation Schedule Progress

In our letter dated October 30, 2013 the Town updated the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on negotiations with the Hammond Sanitary District (HSD). At that time the Town of Griffith was in litigation with the HSD. Currently, all disputes have been ordered into binding arbitration.

Due to the disputes between the Town and the HSD, the Town is continuing to negotiate with the Sanitary District for the City of Gary to treat all of the Town's sanitary sewage as discussed in our previous letter. We are waiting for comments back from USEPA on this approach.

2. Sanitary Sewer Overflow Events in 2013

The Town of Griffith experienced one overflow event in 2013. The event occurred on April 18, 2013 and resulted in an overflow volume of approximately 6.3 million gallons. The overflow occurred to the swamp north of the Cline Avenue pumping facility as a result of drenching rains that hit the area on already saturated ground. Approximately 6.43" of rain occurred during the week prior to the overflow event.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

TOWN OF GRIFFITH



Rick Ryfa
Town Council President

CERTIFICATION

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.


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